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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

This paper is in response to the Office Action mailed from the Patent Office on April 9, 2009, for which the shortened statutory period was set to expire on July 9, 2009. Applicants request three-month extension of time till October 9, 2009 and hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any fee occasioned by the entry of this paper to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-3081.

Applicants respectfully request entry of this Amendment and Response, in which:

- Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2; and
- Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3;
- Remarks begin on page 6.

In addition, Applicants attach a clean version of the Abstract including all amendments shown on page 2.

Attachments:

Amended Abstract (CLEAN VERSION)